

PUBLIC HEALTH CODE (EXCERPT)
Act 368 of 1978

***** 333.17751.amended THIS AMENDED SECTION IS EFFECTIVE JUNE 13, 2016 *****

333.17751.amended Dispensing prescription drug or device; requirements.

Sec. 17751. (1) A pharmacist shall not dispense a drug requiring a prescription under the federal act or a law of this state except under authority of an original prescription or an equivalent record of an original prescription approved by the board.

(2) Subject to subsection (5), a pharmacist may dispense a prescription written and signed; written or created in an electronic format, signed, and transmitted by facsimile; or transmitted electronically or by other means of communication by a physician prescriber, dentist prescriber, or veterinarian prescriber in another state, but not including a prescription for a controlled substance as defined in section 7104 except under circumstances described in section 17763(e), only if the pharmacist in the exercise of his or her professional judgment determines all of the following:

(a) Except as otherwise authorized under section 5110, 17744a, or 17744b, if the prescriber is a physician or dentist, that the prescription was issued pursuant to an existing physician-patient or dentist-patient relationship.

(b) That the prescription is authentic.

(c) That the prescribed drug is appropriate and necessary for the treatment of an acute, chronic, or recurrent condition.

(3) A pharmacist or a prescriber shall dispense a prescription only if the prescription falls within the scope of practice of the prescriber.

(4) A pharmacist shall not knowingly dispense a prescription after the death of the prescriber or patient.

(5) A pharmacist shall not dispense a drug or device under a prescription transmitted by facsimile or created in electronic format and printed out for use by the patient unless the document is manually signed by the prescriber. This subsection does not apply to a prescription that is transmitted by a computer to a facsimile machine if that prescription complies with section 17754.

(6) After consultation with and agreement from the prescriber, a pharmacist may add or change a patient's address, dosage form, drug strength, drug quantity, directions for use, or issue date with regard to a prescription. A pharmacist shall note the details of the consultation and agreement required under this subsection on the prescription and shall maintain that documentation with the prescription as required in section 17752. A pharmacist shall not change the patient's name, controlled substance prescribed unless authorized to dispense a lower cost generically equivalent drug product under section 17755, or the prescriber's signature with regard to a prescription.

(7) A prescription that is contained within a patient's chart in a health facility or agency licensed under article 17 or other medical institution and that is transmitted to a pharmacy under section 17744 is the original prescription. If all other requirements of this part are met, a pharmacist shall dispense a drug or device under a prescription described in this subsection. A pharmacist may dispense a drug or device under a prescription described in this subsection even if the prescription does not contain the quantity ordered. If a prescription described in this subsection does not contain the quantity ordered, the pharmacist shall consult with the prescriber to determine an agreed-upon quantity. The pharmacist shall record the quantity dispensed on the prescription and shall maintain that documentation with the prescription as required in section 17752.

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Compiler's note: Enacting section 1 of Act 49 of 2016 provides:

"Enacting section 1. Section 16349 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.16349, as amended by this amendatory act, applies to licensing fees required to be paid after December 31, 2018."

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